

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A passenger car tire comprising a tread, wherein said tread comprises a rubber composition, said composition comprising a diene elastomer, silica in an amount of greater than 50 phr, a coupling agent and a plasticising agent, wherein the diene elastomer comprises more than 30 phr of butyl rubber and the plasticising agent comprises an unsaturated (C₁₂-C₂₂) fatty acid triester of glycerol.

2. (Previously presented) The tire according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of butyl rubber is at least 40 phr.

3. (Previously presented) The tire according to Claim 2, wherein the amount of butyl rubber is within a range from 40 to 80 phr.

4. (Previously presented) The tire tread according to Claim 1, wherein the butyl rubber is a halogenated butyl rubber.

5. (Previously presented) The tire tread according to Claim 4, wherein the butyl rubber is a brominated butyl rubber.

6. (Previously presented) The tire tread according to Claim 1, wherein the fatty acid of the glycerol triester is for more than 50% by weight selected from among the group consisting of oleic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid and mixtures of these acids.

7. (Previously presented) The tire tread according to Claim 6, wherein the fatty acid comprises more than 50% by weight of oleic acid.

8. (Previously presented) The tire tread according to Claim 7, wherein the fatty acid comprises more than 80% by weight of oleic acid.

9. (Previously presented) The tire according to Claim 8, wherein the glycerol fatty acid triester is glycerol trioleate.

10. (Previously presented) The tire according to Claim 9, wherein the glycerol trioleate is present in the form of sunflower oil.

11. (Previously presented) The tire according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of glycerol triester is between 5 and 80 phr.

12. (Previously presented) The tire according to Claim 11, wherein the amount of glycerol triester is between 10 and 50 phr.

13. (Previously presented) The tire according to Claim 12, wherein the amount of glycerol triester is within a range from 15 to 30 phr.

14. (Previously presented) The tire according to Claim 1, wherein the diene elastomer comprises, in addition to the butyl rubber, at least one elastomer selected from among the group consisting of polybutadienes, synthetic polyisoprenes, natural rubber, butadiene copolymers, isoprene copolymers and mixtures of these elastomers.

Claims 15-18 (Cancelled).